

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 1, at line 17, insert the following as a separate paragraph:

--BRIEF SUMMARY OF EXEMPLARY EMBODIMENTS--.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 11, as follows:

It is known to apply automation to processes. For instance, the Enterprise Integration Laboratory of the University of Toronto has published material such as the report "Integrated Supply Chain Management Project" by Mark S Fox, Mihai Barbuceanu, Mahmud Gani and Chris Beck which can be seen at the world wide web website ~~www~~.eil.utoronto.ca/iscm-descr.html. This focuses on the management of business processes as they are executed.